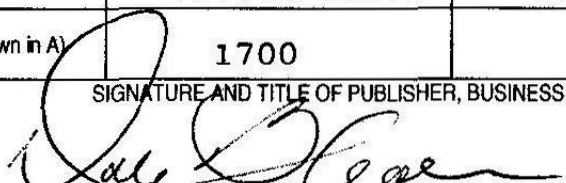


STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

Return to: Secretary of State, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5077

1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER The De Smet News		2. DATE OF FILING 9-18-02	
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE Weekly	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY 52	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE \$25.00 & \$32.00	
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) 220 Calumet SE., PO Box 69, De Smet, SD 57231-0069 Kingsbury Co.			
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers) 220 Calumet SE., PO Box 69, De Smet, SD 57231-0069			
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: Dale Blegen			
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">FULL NAME Blegen Publishing Co., Inc.</div> <div style="width: 45%;">COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS PO Box 69 De Smet, SD 57231-0069</div> </div>			
8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.)			
9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION		AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)		1700	1700
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION			
1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales:		286	313
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)		1034	1061
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)		1320	1374
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION			
1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS		21	21
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES		3	3
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)		1344	1398
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED			
1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing		356	302
2. Return from News Agents		included above	included above
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 - Should equal net press run shown in A)		1700	1700
SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER <div style="text-align: center;">  Dale Blegen </div>			
I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.			

State of South Dakota)

County of Kingsbury)

(Seal)

Sworn to before me this 19th day of

September, 2002

Maure Langland
Notary Public

My commission expires 6-6-2008